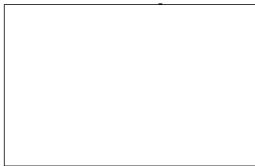


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Communication Centers

1. The principal communication centers [redacted] were located at the [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Lomonosov and Leningrad post offices. [redacted]

[redacted] the
rate for a local 3 minute call was 20 kopeks. [redacted] the
telephone system resembled that used in Western countries. [redacted]

[redacted] the Lomonosov post office used a teletype machine for
transmission of telegrams. A teletype machine provided with latin type
was available for general use at the main post office in Leningrad.
This facility was frequently utilized by the Lomonosov German specialists
for sending communications to their relatives residing in East Germany. 50X1-HUM
Rate schedules were unknown [redacted] 50X1-HUM

2. [redacted] public telephone booths in the town of Lomonosov [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] in use at the local post office. [redacted]
very few of the local residents could afford to have private phones

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installed in their homes. Government and party functionaries, tradesmen, and artisans would undoubtedly fall in the category which needed and could afford this facility. Public booths can be seen almost everywhere in Leningrad. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Overhead wires were visible in the cities and along railroad tracks. The quality and dependability of the general Soviet telephone system is not known [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Telephones at the Menshikov Castle, which were of the dial type, were never used by the German specialists. 50X1-HUM

Radio Transmission Station

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3. [redacted] between Leningrad and Sestroretsk [redacted] a single radio transmission mast, approximately 200 meters high, located in a field between the north coast of the Gulf of Finland and Lakhta, a small community situated northwest of Leningrad along the road to Sestroretsk. [redacted] this mast was part of the Lakhta long wave radio station. The entertainment programs and newscasts of this station were frequently listened to by the Menshikov residents. This station identified itself with the words "Zdyes Govorit Lakhta" - Here Speaks Lakhta. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Radio Receivers

4. Radio receivers of Soviet manufacture capable of receiving foreign radio broadcasts which were available for purchase by the general public were the Leningrad and Neva. The cost of the former was about 2,000 rubles, the latter fell in the price range of about 1,100 rubles. [redacted] no Soviet laws governing restrictions for listening to foreign broadcasts. However, it was felt that people were careful or reluctant in discussing subjects or items heard by them on foreign broadcasts. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] replacement parts and repair facilities for the above named sets were not available and receivers had to be sent to the plant for servicing. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the German specialists were able to repair their receivers on the spot.

Jamming

5. The jamming of foreign broadcasts was very effective. Jamming frequently prevented the reception of news broadcasts and speeches for hours and days. The source of the jamming [redacted] consisted of the generally known continuous motor type interference noise caused by working generators or passing streetcars [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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